

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 5

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Relative to Arts Education Month.

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SCR 2, Scott. Arts Education Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2005 to be “Arts Education Month.”

WHEREAS, Arts education, which includes dance, music, theater, literature, visual arts, and multimedia, is an essential part of the basic education important to provide balanced learning for all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, Arts education is vital to develop the full potential of young minds; and

WHEREAS, Arts educators recognize that a program of arts education is defined as a comprehensive, balanced, sequential, in-school program of instruction in the arts, taught by qualified teachers, designed to provide pupils of all ages with skills and knowledge in the arts in accordance with high national, state, and local standards; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of arts education standards to guide the development and implementation of arts instruction facilitates a well-planned arts education program and enhances a pupil's opportunity to develop his or her initiative, creative ability, self-expression, thinking skills, discipline, and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, For 20 years the State of California, through the California Arts Council, has provided support and assistance to artists and professional arts service organizations and, in partnership with the State Department of Education, provided resources to schools; and

WHEREAS, National standards have been adopted for the visual and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, For 20 years the State of California has recognized the adopted visual and performing arts framework as the definition of arts education; and

WHEREAS, The professional arts education associations of the California Dance Education Association, the California Association of Music Education, the California Educational Theatre Association, the California Arts Education Association, and the California Humanities Association each contribute to the betterment of arts education together and each in their own subject area; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California proclaim the month of March 2005 as Arts Education Month, as a symbol of their support to the value that arts education brings to the pupils' education and to their future contributions as productive citizens within each community of this state; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to each school district in the State of California and to the professional arts education associations for their individual action in support of March 2005 as Arts Education Month.